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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY - FEBRUARY 19

1. NYT (PAGE 3) DAVID SHIPLER REPORTS IN CURTAIN RAISER THAT DELEGATES ARE EXPECTED TO PERFORM A PLANNED RITUAL OF SPEECHES AND VOTES THAT WILL BE FAR CRY FROM DYNAMIC, CONTENTIOUS CONGRESSES OF PARTY'S EARLY DAYS.

2. NYT (PAGE 3) REPORTS FROM MOSCOW ON IZVESTIA REFUTATION ABOUT HEALTH RISK AT EMBASSY. ALSO WP AND SUN.

3. NYT (PAGE 7) BERNARD WEINRAUB REPORTS FROM BRUSSELS MRS. MEIR STRONGLY URGED SOVIET UNION TO LIFT RESTRICTIONS ON EMIGRATION SOVIET JEWS. ALSO SUN.

4. NYT (PAGE 24) LUCINDE FRANKS REPORTS FROM BOSTON THAT SARGENT SHRIVER SAID A NUMBER OF SOVIET JEWS IN WHOSE BEHALF HE HAD INTERVENED HAVE BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO LEAVE SOVIET UNION.

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5. NYT (PAGE 44) JOHN LEONARD SAYS SMUGGLED SOVIET ART

OF VITALY KOMAR AND ALEKSANDR MELAMID SHOWING IN NEW YORK'S FELDMAN GALLERY IS A WITTY VARIATION ON SOVIET

IDEOLOGY.

6. SUN (PAGE 3) AP FROM MOSCOW REPORTS THEFT OF MORE THAN 1,000 PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS FROM GEORGE COSTAKIS WHOSE COLLECTION WAS ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE PRIVATE ART COLLECTIONS IN SOVIET UNION.

7. STAR (PAGE 5) AP REPORTS U.S. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES SAYING RUSSIA HAS TOLD EGYPT IT WILL NO LONGER OVERHAUL THE ENGINES OF MIG 21 FIGHTERS IN EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE.

8. STAR (PAGE 5) UPI SAYS GUS HALL HAS ACCEPTED PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION OF AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND EXPECTS TO GET ON BALLOT IN ONLY ABOUT 30 STATES.

9. STAR (PAGE 9) ITEM FROM OTTAWA SAYS SOVIET FISHING VESSELS AND MERCHANT SHIPS OPERATING OFF CANADIAN COASTS ARE ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE AND MONITORING OF TRANSATLANTIC TELEPHONE CALLS ACCORDING TO CANADIAN VICE ADMIRAL DOUGLAS BOYLE.

10. STAR (D-17) HAS AP PHOTO WITH CAPTION JEWISH YOUTH SIT IN AT TASS NEWS AGENCY IN NEW YORK SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH DEMONSTRATION IN MOSCOW'S SOVIET HEALTH MINISTRY.

FEBRUARY 18

1. CSM (RECEIVED ERRATICALLY) PAGE 26 - ERIC BOURNE REPORTS FROM VIENNA THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO START SHORTLY FOR A FIRST-EVER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND COMECON MEMBERS.

2. CSM (OP-ED PAGE) EDIT "COMMUNIST SWEET TALK" WARNS WORLD WELL ADVISED TO TAKE SHOW-ME ATTITUDE ABOUT WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES SIREN SONG THAT COULD DRAW DEMOCRACY ONTO THE ROCKS. INGERSOLL

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